



¹Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD.



²And the LORD said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it."



³And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? He still holds fast his integrity,



although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason."





⁴Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life.



⁵But stretch out your hand and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face."





⁶And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life."



⁷So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and struck Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.



⁸And he took a piece of broken pottery with which to scrape himself while he sat in the ashes.





⁹Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die."



¹⁰But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.



¹¹Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him, they came each from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They made an appointment



together to come to show him sympathy and comfort him.



¹²And when they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him. And they raised their voices and wept, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads toward heaven.



¹³And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.







⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.



1 Peter 5:7-9 (ESV)

⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.



1 Peter 5:7-9 (ESV)

⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.









¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.





¹⁷For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,



2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5 (ESV)

¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.



2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5 (ESV)

¹For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.







2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5 (ESV)

⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.





⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.





name of the Lord



²Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,





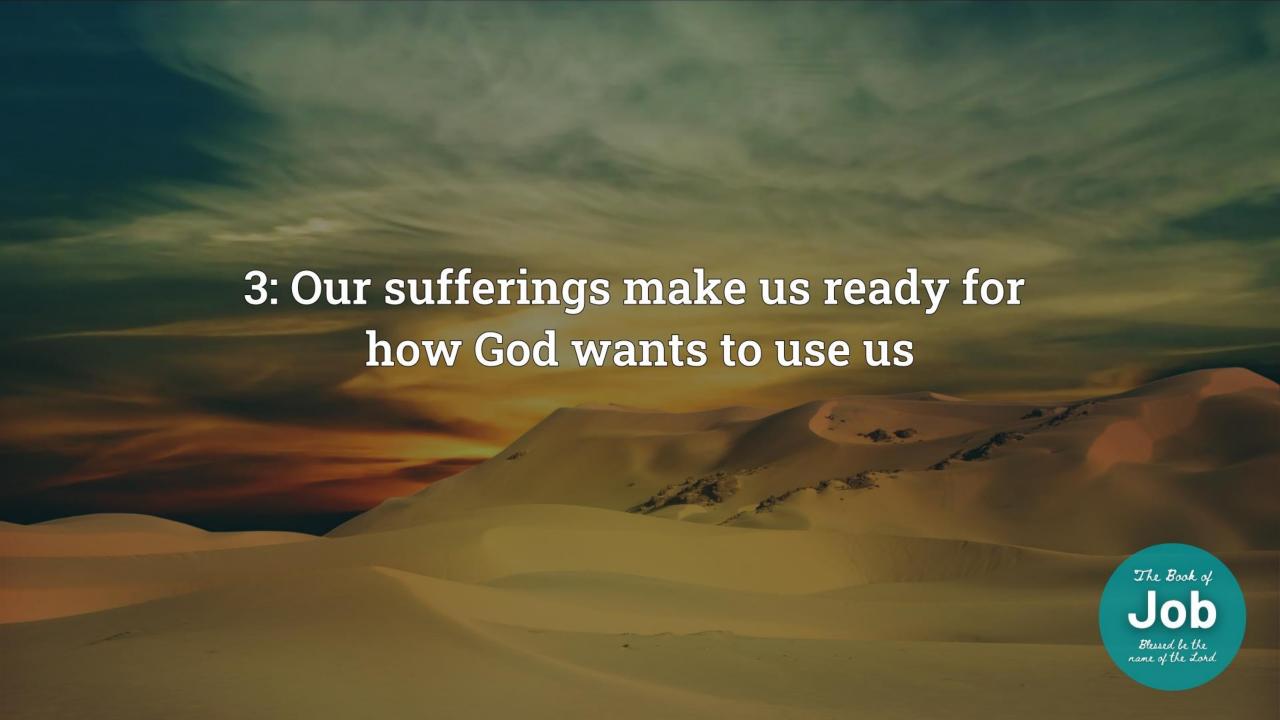
³for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.



James 1:2-4 (ESV)

⁴And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.







³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,



⁴who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.



⁵For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.



olf we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer.





⁷Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.



BFor we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself.



⁹Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.



